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H. CON. RES. 348

Urging the President and Chile to engage in negotiations to conclude a free trade agreement between the United States and Chile, in the absence of fast track authority.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 10, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Michigan (for himself and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring),*

3 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO CONCLU-**
4 **SION OF FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN**
5 **THE UNITED STATES AND CHILE.**

6 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—The Congress urges the
7 President and appropriate representatives of the Govern-
8 ment of Chile to engage in negotiations to conclude a free
9 trade agreement between the United States and Chile in

1 the absence of legislative provisions to consider legislation
 2 implementing the agreement under expedited procedures
 3 (“fast track authority”).

4 (b) NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING AGRICULTURE.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—In conducting the negotia-
 6 tions described in subsection (a), the President
 7 should assess whether United States tariffs on agri-
 8 culture products that were bound under the Uru-
 9 guay Round Agreements are lower than the tariffs
 10 bound by Chile.

11 (2) CONSULTATION.—The President should
 12 consult with the Committee on Ways and Means and
 13 the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Rep-
 14 resentatives and the Committee on Finance and the
 15 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
 16 of the Senate concerning the results of the assess-
 17 ment under paragraph (1), whether it is appropriate
 18 for the United States to agree to further tariff re-
 19 ductions based on the conclusions reached in the as-
 20 sessment, and how all applicable negotiating objec-
 21 tives will be met.

22 (c) CONSULTATION WITH CONGRESS BEFORE
 23 AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO.—Before entering into any
 24 trade agreement described in subsection (a), the President
 25 should consult with—

1 (1) the Committee on Ways and Means of the
2 House of Representatives and the Committee on Fi-
3 nance of the Senate; and

4 (2) each other committee of the House and the
5 Senate, and each joint committee of the Congress,
6 which has jurisdiction over legislation involving sub-
7 ject matters which would be affected by the trade
8 agreement.

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